



Flu Season is upon us! Begin now to take advantage of each office visit as an opportunity to talk with your patients about the flu virus and their risks for complications associated with the flu, and encourage them to get their flu shot. And don't forget, health care professionals need to protect themselves also. **Get Your Flu Shot.** – **Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends.** Remember - Influenza vaccination is a covered Part B benefit. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and educational resources, go to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0667.pdf> on the CMS website.

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Reporting the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on Physician Claims for Clinical Diagnostic Services Purchased Outside of the Local Carrier's Jurisdiction

Provider Types Affected

Physicians billing Medicare carriers or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for diagnostic services purchased outside the local carrier or A/B MAC's jurisdiction.

Background

This article relates to Change Request (CR) 5289, in which the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides specific instructions for physicians to modify their current reporting guidelines and requires physicians to begin **reporting, as of May 23, 2007, a National Provider Identifier (NPI) on claims for clinical diagnostic services purchased outside of the local carrier's jurisdiction.** Previously CMS instructed physicians to report their provider identification number (PIN) on claims when billing for clinical diagnostic services purchased outside of the local carrier's jurisdiction. (See Change Request 3630, Transmittal 415, issued on December 23, 2004 at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R243OTN.pdf> on the CMS website).

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As of May 23, 2007, physicians must begin using their NPI to bill the local carrier for a clinical diagnostic service purchased outside of the jurisdiction of the local carrier or A/B MAC. As of May 23, 2007, remember the following:

- When reporting the 2400 PS1 segment (Purchased Service Information) of the ANSI X12 837 electronic claim format, version 4010A, the billing physician must report their NPI.
- When submitting paper claims, physicians must report their NPI for both the purchased portion of the test and the portion of the test that they performed.
- Physicians may no longer report a PIN after May 22, 2007.

Prior to May 23, 2007, physicians may report the PIN, the NPI, or both PIN and the NPI.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your Medicare carrier or A/B MAC, regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R243OTN.pdf> on the CMS web site.

To learn more about the NPI and how to apply for one, visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProviderStand/> on the CMS website.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS web site.

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